

K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: Peace & conflict prevention/resolution

This week

Pride of Workmanship

The Pride of Workmanship award was launched as a Rotary project in 1975. The aim was to encourage pride in personal performance in the workplace, and to help create a national attitude for the benefit of our country. The programme has been adopted by over 600 Rotary clubs in Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific, Malaysia, Canada and United States.



At this week's meeting we will present Pride of Workmanship awards to four local police officers nominated by the Local Area Command. The police are very appreciative of these awards, as they do not have a comparable internal system of recognising officers who take pride in doing their job well.

Our awardees will be accompanied by their families and fellow officers. Come along, meet them and make them all welcome. You hope you'll never meet them in their professional capacity, but you can never be sure . . .

Last meeting's guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed guest speaker, Dr Michael Bendon, Rotary Youth Leadership Awardee Deb Jordan, Rotarian Ken Broadhead, Christina Tilston and Eunice Price; and
- Announced that registrations for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic had reached 1,400 (about 1 month earlier than last year).

Ken Broadhead, a member of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga and of the Ku-ring-gai State Emergency Service unit (where he is in charge of membership) thanked the club for sponsoring Deb Jordan to RYLA. He said that, in supporting RYLA for 20 years, he had always found the participants more mature than their contemporaries.

Rob Hall:

- Said that we expect 10 - 20 police and partners to

accompany the Pride of Workmanship awardees, so we need as many members and partners as can attend in order to host them;

- Requested members to complete an attendance list or notify him by email whether they and/or their partners would attend the joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Lindfield on Monday, 23 February (see article on the speaker and subject later in this Koongga); and
- Strongly recommended that members - especially recently joined members - attend the District Conference on 20 - 22 March (or at least one day), as it is an eye-opener about the breadth and depth of what Rotary does and includes excellent, inspiring speakers.

Joy Newling:

- Requested the 15 members who have not done so to collect tickets for the 2 March film night to sell to family, friends and associates; and
- Asked members to provide sandwiches and/or dips and biscuits for the evening on disposable plates, rather than sweet foods.

Loïc Lacombe highly recommended attendance at the Rotary Leadership Institute - especially for recently joined members. He said that he had learned a lot about how Rotary functions and is funded, about the numerous Rotary acronyms and about networking within Rotary. The course is spread over 3 weekend days and costs nothing (see notice later in this Koongga).

Caroline Jones thanked all the members for volunteering themselves and one or two others to assist with the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, but said that more volunteers are still required.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Deborah Jordan

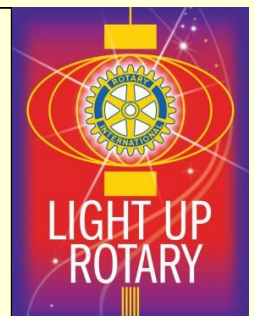


Our nominee for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award reported on her experience of attending the one week program. This is what she said:

Good Evening - My name is Deb, and I come here 3 weeks out of RYLA.

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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara. Visitors welcome (Tel: 9498 2700). www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Rotary International
Theme 2014-2015

I would like to begin by thanking you for giving me the amazing opportunity to attend RYLA and for having me here tonight. I am truly appreciative that you had faith in me and saw leadership potential in me.

First, a quick overview of me: I graduated with a degree in commerce last year. I currently work as a contractor to BP in the retail and marketing division. I love the outdoors and keeping myself busy abseiling, playing football, rowing and bushwalking.

I spend a fair amount of my spare time volunteering particularly with SES and St John Ambulance. I greatly enjoy the hands-on work we do, helping people when they need it most, and all the people I meet in these organisations.

Just like me, a majority of the other Rylarians work and volunteer in the community, including through the Rural Fire Service, Rotaract, Scouts and not for profit organisations.

So, what is RYLA? I remember no one being able to answer this question when I asked. I always received an answer of it being "life changing" "amazing" "inspirational" experience.

You ask me what RYLA is. It was "life changing" "amazing" and "inspirational" !!

RYLA is developed for young adults who are leaders in the community or aspire to leadership and are seriously committed to the development of their leadership skills.

Imagine a group of 70 young Leaders in a room. Bright, intelligent and passionate; all meeting each other for the first time.

Now give them a problem to solve. What happens?



Complete chaos.

That was the beginning of RYLA – **one of the most mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting weeks of my life. Also one of the best.**

Each of us was challenged, pushing ourselves beyond our comfort levels, developing our leadership abilities and learning a great deal about ourselves.

Speakers

The week was full of amazing speakers, all adding something to our experience: from the Honourable Charlie Lynn, who reminded us "at the end of the day, all we have are memories", to Les Watson, who showed us things we had never realised about ourselves. He broke us.

We were able to use the rest of the week to rebuild ourselves to be better leaders.

We learned that any adversity can be overcome and to not let limiting beliefs get in the way of achieving our goals.

Teamwork

One of the major challenges we all faced as leaders was successfully working in a team. We were thrown into the deep end of situations on a daily basis and had to learn to work together and to create a team that would be able to face the situation.

We learned that to successfully work as a team a balance was required of understanding when to stand up and make your voice heard and when to stand back and let others take charge.

This was not mastered by many during the week, but will be a process of learning for a long time.

Amazing People

I was inspired by so many people.

Being surrounded by everyone pushing themselves and watching how everyone was changing motivated me throughout the week.

RYLA was a life changing experience – I have gained a great deal from it. I saw changes in how I handled situations and dealt with issues as soon as RYLA finished.

As soon as I left RYLA I was excited to get more involved in the community. I have already attended meetings at Macquarie University Rotaract and will become a trainer this weekend for SES.

The RYLA week helped me develop my leadership abilities by helping me understand and improve on my strengths and weaknesses.

I learned I am more than capable of making a difference in the community. AND that I need to stand up more and have my voice heard. Too often I don't say what is needed to be said or I let someone take charge who is not the best choice.

In such a short period of time I have developed close friendships and a support network that are always there to help. I have met people that are involved in the community in a variety of different ways - from teaching primary school in Malawi to running organisations here in Sydney for the homeless.

Every day I see as an opportunity to reflect, learn and grow. I have come to realise that I make differences to the people around me in many different ways. I have learned it is possible to inspire others to dream big and make a difference themselves.

District 9685 Conference

From the conference organisers:

Six weeks out and the program is firming up, with break



out sessions planned following afternoon tea on Saturday.

The Roaring 20s banquet is going to be terrific and apart from a floor show and a swinging band, there will be prizes for Best Dressed Couple, Best Dressed Club and Best Dancers! Fear not, we will even give you a dance lesson.

Spouse and partner options for those not attending plenary sessions are also coming together and they will be announced shortly.

Register on-line at <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/SitePage/district-conference> or get your Club Conference Chair galvanised to register you all in a club booking.

Last week's speaker



Dr Michael Bendon The Forgotten Flotilla

Michael Bendon has worked for many years as an archaeologist on numerous sites around the Mediterranean and Europe. More recently, he has been assisting a colleague in investigations on Phalasarna, a large classical/Hellenistic maritime

city in Western Crete, as well as working on the excavation of the first Minoan shipwreck to be discovered.

His most recent research has revolved around two British WWII wrecks located off shore from the ancient Phalasarna site. This is a very short summary of his talk:

This research began with a simple question about a rusting hulk out just off a small beach. The beach was adja-

cent to the coastal archaeological site of Ancient Phalasarna in Western Crete. Michael was working there with his colleague, Dr Elpida Hadjidaki, in the northern



summer of 2008. A lunchtime swim to wash off the dust brought Michael to snorkel over a submerged craft lying in the shallow, crystal clear waters. And as it later turned out, another of the same vessel type was

found not too far away.

After a number of years of research in Crete with the help of his colleague and the local people, and many long hours spent in the National Archives in Kew in England, the vessel type and the actual identity of the two wrecked craft was established.

The Tank Landing Craft (TLC) Mk1 were prototype vessels, constructed in the latter half of 1940 by the British for Combined Operations. Churchill was keen to avoid another episode like Dunkirk, where the retreating British armies had to leave behind all heavy equipment on the seashore.

The first twenty Tank Landing Craft arrived in Egypt on cargo transports in early 1941 and immediately after re-assembly took part in operations. The first five TLCs to be completed were sent from Alexandria on a supply run to the besieged town of Tobruk in early April. Upon arrival there, they were immediately redirected to Suda Bay on Crete to prepare to assist in the evacuation of Greece.

Only weeks earlier, Commonwealth troops had been sent into Greece to deter Italian and German forces from

CAN YOU HELP?



Robert is having fun with a scoop and a basin.

As you know the students at Clarke Road love their sandpits! Last year we bought sandpit toys but they disappear and break and get posted through fences etc. We are wondering if you might have any ice cream containers, scoops, other plastic containers, pet food scoops, plastic basins that you no longer need at home? We need to make sure that the plastic is not sharp or brittle and that all containers are clean and ready to use. Could you please send them in to school in a labelled bag so that drivers and other staff know what they are. The kids will be thrilled to have some new sandpit equipment! Thank you.

From the K – 6 Team



invading. However, the German assault proved too strong, and when the Greek military crumbled, there was no option for the British but evacuation. The harbour of Piraeus and the majority of other piers and wharves had been destroyed by the Luftwaffe. This meant that the withdrawing British and ANZAC troops had to be picked up directly from beaches. This necessitated the use of small ship-borne landing craft as well as large TLCs, with their carrying capacity of 900 men, to ferry troops from beaches to the big ships waiting further offshore. Greek fishermen also assisted in the dangerous task of ferrying the exhausted troops.

Most of the troops were taken down to Crete. Less than a month later, the Germans began their invasion of the southern island with the deployment of huge numbers of paratroopers. Again, the British and Commonwealth troops were forced to evacuate.

By then, only two TLCs remained fully operational in Suda Bay and their skippers were ordered to make their way down to the southern coast of Crete to once again assist with evacuation. Neither of them was to reach their destination, as both were sunk off the coast at the northwestern end of Crete, to be rediscovered some seventy years later.

While the people of Greece and Crete continued their struggle against the occupation by Germany, the remainder of the TLC Mk1s, *The Forgotten Flotilla*, stayed stationed on the North African coast after being reassembled. They were assigned to the *Spud Run*, the supply run to Tobruk.

There are now, unfortunately, few of the veterans of the Mediterranean campaigns left to tell their tales. If we were able to speak to more of them, many of their stories would likely include an encounter of some sort with a noisy, under-armed, flat-bottomed, slow-moving TLC and its hard-working crew. (However, Michael located and became friends with the captain of one of the TLCs, who was to celebrate his 97th birthday on the day that Michael spoke to us.)

For further information, visit www.forgottenflotilla.com

Next week: *The woman charged with murder of her wife*

Next Monday we will have a meeting that puts ABC crime dramas in the shade.

A story, grippingly told by Mark Tedeschi AM QC, barrister and Senior Crown Prosecutor, features a woman who lived as a man, murder,



media mayhem and nearby Lane Cove River Park as a part of the crime scene.

And there's more - the meeting will be a joint meeting with our neighbours at Killara Golf Club, Lindfield Rotary Club.

As a special treat, there will be a special menu for the evening. Partners, family, friends and potential Rotarians are invited and you are encouraged to bring them to hear the story of these strange goings on in the flapping 20's. You will need to book them in early for this meeting.

Mark the date in your calendar and be alert but not alarmed. There will be more clues as the date approaches.

And if you want to read the evidence before the trial begins, look for "Eugenia", shortlisted in 2013 as a finalist in the Australian Book Industry Awards and the Australian Crime Writers Association Ned Kelly Awards.



The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Arrangements for the club's fundraising showing of *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* are as follows:

- Date: Monday, 2 March
- Venue: Roseville Cinema
- Film starts: 8 pm
- Duration: 122 minutes
- Sandwiches/snacks from 6.30 pm

- Drinks at bar prices
- 206 seats to fill - each member asked to fill at least 6
- Tickets: \$25 per person
- Proceeds to PolioPlus

Rotary Leadership Institute

Registration is open for the next Rotary Leadership Institute course.

- Course 27 is on Saturdays 22 August, 12 September, 26 September
- Course 28 is on Sundays 30 August, 13 September, 27 September

The three part program starts at 8:30 for 9:00 am and finishes around 3:30 in the afternoon. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

The course is held at the District 9685 office in Thornleigh. Certificates will be presented when the full course has been completed.

Until further notice, District is bearing the full cost of \$100 per attendee as part of its training budget.

If you are an incoming or current President, Club Officer, or Assistant Governor, or if you simply want to learn more about Rotary, join this course - in the first instance by emailing PDG Barry Philps on rli@rotarydistrict9685.org.au or on bphilps@bigpond.net.au



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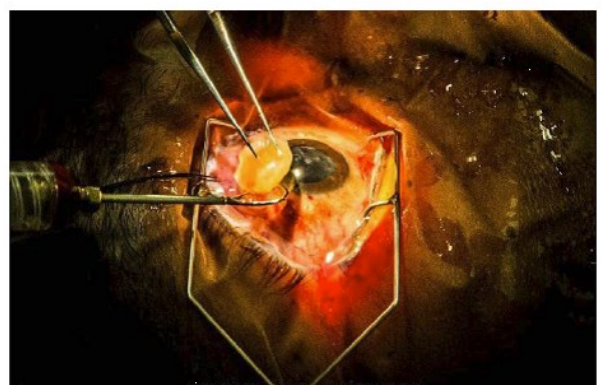
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Enquiries: Harry Grange 0409 124 382 or John Gollan 0418 407 448



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Thursday, 26th February, 2015

BOOKING FORM - INDIVIDUAL OR TABLE

Admission is by ticket only

Please complete the form below and mail, with full payment to

Rotary Charity Race Day 2015

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Postcode..... Phone/Mobile.....

Please reserve.....tickets @ \$150 per person Total \$.....

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Enclosed is cheque payable to Rotary Club of Windsor in the amount of
\$..... being payment in full for the above ticket(s)/table(s)

OR

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Our 5th Anniversary

110th Anniversary of Rotary International

&

The Year of the Goat



Monday 23rd February 2014

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Price: \$80

Venue: King Fook Chinese restaurant

Level 6 Chatswood Westfield Shopping

(Free parking after 6 pm)

2014 - 2015 February 2014

Director of Foundation: michelle_chua@hotmail.com

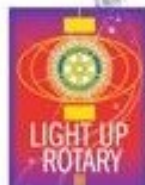
Director of Youth: yanney.chua@gmail.com

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**The Rotary Club of North Sydney Sunrise
invites you to Breakfast with**

The Hon Pru Goward

NSW Minister for Planning and Minister for Women.

Following the NSW Liberals and Nationals 2011 election victory, Ms Goward became NSW Minister for Family and Community Services and the Minister for Women, a position she held until taking over her current portfolio in April 2014.

Pru Goward was elected to the NSW Parliament in March 2007 as the Member for Goulburn. In Opposition, she served as Shadow Minister for the Environment and Shadow Minister for Women, and from 2008 to March 2011, as the Shadow Minister for Community Services.



Prior to entering Parliament, Pru Goward served as Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner, from 2001, and the Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination from 2005 to 2007.

During her time with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission she became best known for her advocacy of a national paid maternity leave scheme, the implications of demographic change, and the challenge of work-life balance.

In a previous life, Pru Goward was an ABC journalist.

Breakfast

3 March 2015 at 7.00am for 7.30am \$80pp

The Kirribilli Club

11 Harbour View Crescent, Lavender Bay NSW 2060

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Expiry date: ____/____/____ Signature: _____

Please send receipt to: _____

Please return this completed form plus the names of your guests to: The Sydney Institute, 41 Phillip Street, Sydney 2000. Or fax to: (02)9252 3360

Enquiries: contact Moira de Vos: 0410 425 955
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Bobbin Head
to Terrey Hills
and back.

57
km

To
Wahroonga
and back.

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Through
Bobbin Head
to Akuna Bay
and back.

27
km

Through
Bobbin Head
and back.

Sunday, 29 March 2015

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Rotary 

Calendar of events

February	23	Mark Tedeschi QC - 'Eugenia' - the life and trial of a woman charged with murder of her wife
March	2	(Roseville Cinema) The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (in aid of PolioPlus)
	9	Club business meeting
	16	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic club briefing
	23	Natalie Fisher: Small towns: big ideas
	29	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
April	6	Easter Monday – no meeting
May	4	Club business meeting
	14	(Thursday) Fundraising night: Pymble Players: a Hercule Poirot whodunit
	17	Meeting postponed 3 days
	20	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation to charities
	25	Chris Russell: Behind the scenes at 'New Inventors'
June	29	Changeover dinner

Club officers and committee chairmen 2014-15

Board of directors

President	Tony McClelland
Vice President	John Aitken
President Elect	Graham Timms
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Greg Newling
Director - Public Relations	Michael Midlam
Director - Club Administration	Joy Newling
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Graham Timms

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	Joy Newling
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Roger Desmarchelier
Youth Service	[Vacant]
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Bob Elsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Malcolm Braid

Club committees 2014-15

Administration: Joy Newling, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga)

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic: Bob Elsworth, Graham Timms, Tony McClelland, Ross Egan, John Aitken, Michael Midlam, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Geoff Hungerford, Jack McCartney, Linda Lam-Rolfs

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

Community: Ross Lambert, Michael Midlam (Bowel scan), Lou Coenen, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Loïc Lacombe, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day)

International: Roger Desmarchelier, Graham Maslen, David Forsythe, Peter Tang, Georgina Manning, Lindsay Forest, Loïc Lacombe, Emyr Evans, John Aitken

Membership: Greg Newling

Public Relations: Michael Midlam

Rotary Foundation: Graham Timms, Peter Tang

Vocational: Michael Midlam

Youth: Joy Newling (acting), Bob Ivey, Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson, Ted Price, Joyce Enos, Greg Goodman, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Jack McCartney